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Enclosed is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment as per discussion in case LEX-177-USA, Application number 09/854,845. If there is a problem please contact Lance Ishimoto at 281-863-3333 or Peter Seferian at 281-863-3110. Thank you

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Title: Novel Human Semaphorin Homologs and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed in conjunction with the concurrently filed Continuation Patent Application Request. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments prior to examination on the merits. The present amendments are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed, and do not in any way constitute new matter. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.